

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL COMMITTEE SUMMARY

Health and Human Services Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

3:05 P.M.

Third Floor, City Hall

Present:	Chair:	Mary Woolridge
	Vice Chair:	Stuart Benson
	Members:	David Tandy, Barbara Shanklin (arrived at 3:40 p.m.), Glen Stuckel, and Rick Blackwell (arrived at 3:15 p.m.)

Absent: **Robin Engel (Excused)**

Special Items for Discussion: 1) Arnita H Gadson, West Jeff. Co. Community Task Force/ environmental issues in West Louisville 2) Health Department Representative/ HIV and World Aids Day (Friday, December 1)

Chairwoman Woolridge began the meeting by announcing the members and non-members of the committee that were present. A quorum was established.

Special Items for Discussion:

Dr. Troutman, Director for the Health Department, spoke regarding World Aids Day: The following was discussed:

- 25 years into pandemic
- No vaccine or cure
- Every 6 1/2 seconds someone contracts AIDS, every 10 seconds someone dies with AIDS
- Is a preventable disease
- Greater percentage in African Americans, lower income, higher substance abuse, fewer have insurance
- ADAP Program - designed to help with medication - has a waiting list
- Accountability for transportation and access to treatment
- Know your status - everyone should get tested, abstinence is recommended
- Every government on every level should claim its responsibility
- The incarcerated is the highest population of AIDS

CM Blackwell arrived at 3:15 p.m.

The following was also discussed:

- The AIDS test is a simple test - the mouth is swabbed and you get the results immediately
- AIDS can be passed from mother to unborn baby
- If you give Blood, your blood will be tested before you can give
- Prevention and education
- Drug treatment
- AIDS is everyone's problem
- Testing is free and anonymous

Chairman Woolridge read phone numbers for help with AIDS

Arnita Gadson, West Jefferson County Community Task Force, spoke regarding the environment issues in West Louisville. A handout was given to the Committee Members. The following was discussed:

- Jefferson County has high rate health risk from exposure.
- Support for the program to continue
- Monitoring data - 18 chemicals of concern
- West Louisville has high toxic chemical readings
- Gave a history of the EPA enforcement of the Law
- Funding compromised - need to do more for the State
- The monitoring program is still in the implementation stage

- The task force has been used as an example throughout the United States
- The task force has meetings which are held once a month at the NIA Center
- The Task force itself is not funded

CM Shanklin arrived at 3:40 p.m.

AGENDA

R-191-11-06 A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC PROTECTION CABINET TO CONTINUE TO FUND THE WEST JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE IN MONITORING TOXIC AIR CONTAMINANTS IN WEST LOUISVILLE.

Motion to Approve was made by Glen Stuckel and seconded by Stuart Benson.

Discussion: David Tandy made a motion to amend this item as follows:

- Add the word Kentucky to the words Environmental and Protection Cabinet in the title as well as in the first paragraph of the ordinance

CM Blackwell seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the amendment passed.

CM Blackwell requested to be added as a Co-sponsor. The rest of the Committee members also requested to be added as Co-sponsors with include Mary Woolridge, Stuart Benson, David Tandy, Barbara Shanklin, and Glen Stuckel.

By unanimous vote, this item as amended was sent to **Old Business**.

O-232-11-06 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 39.100-39.104 OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES ("CODE") RELATING TO THE SMOKING POLICY FOR METRO GOVERNMENT-OWNED PROPERTY.

Motion to Approve was made by David Tandy and seconded by Glen Stuckel.

Discussion: Ron Wolf, Mayors Office, stating this is a clean up of an existing ordinance and clarification for the recently passed comprehensive smoking band that the Council enacted a couple weeks ago. There will be no smoking in government owned or leased facilities and further clarifies smoking in government vehicles. The following was discussed:

- Difference between an assigned vehicle and a pool vehicle
- Effective dates

Glen Stuckel made a motion to table this item and Barbara Shanklin seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, this item was **Tabled**.

Motion to adjourn was made by Glen Stuckel and seconded by Rick Blackwell.

***NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the December 7, 2006 Metro Council Meeting.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m. without objection.

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